

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) Adapted for a network including a client and a plurality of local domains including at least a first local domain and a second local domain, a method comprising:

segmenting content including a Base Uniform Resource Identifier (URI) into multiple packets by a personal content director of the first local domain, a first packet of the multiple packets including the Base URI;

transmitting the first packet of the multiple packets by the personal content director of the first local domain to at least a personal content director for the second local domain;

substituting the Base URI for a HyperText Markup Language (HTML) Base tag within each of the first packets by the personal content directors of at least the first and second local domains, the HTML Base tag substituted by the personal content director of the first local domain now points to the first local domain and the HTML Base tag substituted by the personal content director of the second local domain now points to the second local domain; and

transmitting the first packets with the HTML Base tags by the personal content directors to the client;

incorporating an earliest first packet received by the client from the plurality of personal content directors into a data stream and disregarding the later received first packets; and

accessing the local domain associated with the personal content director that transmitted the first packet earliest received by the client for subsequent data requests.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein prior to segmenting the content, the method further comprises:

retrieving content by the personal content director at the first local domain.

3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 2, wherein the Base URI ~~being~~is an Uniform Resource Identifier (URI) provided by an initial request by the client causing retrieval of the content by the personal content director at the first local domain.

4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the transmitting of the first packets ~~being~~is synchronized through an exchange of time synchronization messages over separate Transmission Control Protocol (TCP) connections.

5. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein transmission of the first packet between the personal content director at the first local domain and at least the personal content director at the second local domain is made over an authenticated communication link.

6. (Cancelled).

7. (Cancelled).

8. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the first packets with the HTML Base tags are simultaneously transmitted by the personal content directors.

9. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the first packets with the HTML Base tags are transmitted by the personal content directors substantially concurrent to each other.

10-20. (Cancelled).

21. (New) Adapted for a network including a client and a plurality of local domains including at least a first local domain and a second local domain, a method comprising:

substituting a Base Uniform Resource Identifier (URI) included in content for a HyperText Markup Language (HTML) Base tag within packets of the content by personal content directors of at least the first local domain and the second local domain, the HTML Base tag substituted by the personal content director of the first local domain now points to the first local domain and the HTML Base tag substituted by the personal content director of the second local domain now points to the second local domain; and

transmitting packets with the HTML Base tags by the personal content directors of the first local domain and the second local domain to the client;

incorporating an earliest received packet with the HTML Base tag by the client into a data stream and disregarding later received packets with the HTML Base tag; and

accessing the local domain associated with the personal content director that transmitted the earliest received packet by the client for subsequent data requests.

22. (New) The method of claim 21, wherein prior to substituting the Base URI, the method further comprising:

retrieving content by the personal content director at the first local domain;

segmenting content including the Base URI into multiple packets by the personal content director of the first local domain, a first packet of the multiple packets including the Base URI; and

transmitting the first packet of the multiple packets by the personal content director of the first local domain to at least a personal content director for the second local domain.

23. (New) The method of claim 22, wherein the Base URI is an Uniform Resource Identifier (URI) provided by an initial request by the client causing retrieval of the content by the personal content director at the first local domain.

24. (New) The method of claim 22, wherein the transmitting of the first packets is synchronized through an exchange of time synchronization messages over separate Transmission Control Protocol (TCP) connections.

25. (New) The method of claim 22, wherein transmission of the first packet between the personal content director at the first local domain and at least the personal content director at the second local domain is made over an authenticated communication link.

26. (New) The method of claim 21, wherein the packets with the HTML Base tags are simultaneously transmitted by the personal content directors.

27. (New) The method of claim 21, wherein the packets with the HTML Base tags are transmitted by the personal content directors substantially concurrent to each other.